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TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)  
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SUBJECT: PEDIATRIC NUTRITION SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (PedNSS)  
ANNUAL REPORTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005

The 2005 national, State and County/City PenNSS annual reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are now available on the CMS website: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/onlinearchive/pdf/chdp/informationnotices/2006/chdpin06e/contents.htm>. PedNSS annual reports are also linked on the CHDP homepage, under Nutrition Surveillance.

The reports provide prevalence data on primary nutrition indicators: short stature, underweight, at-risk for overweight and overweight, anemia (low hemoglobin/hematocrit), low birth weight and high birth weight in children receiving CHDP health assessments. The data for the prevalence reports are extracted from the CHDP Confidential Screening/Billing Report form (PM 160) and transmitted to CDC for analysis and inclusion in the national surveillance system. Nutrition indicators and prevalence are organized by age, race/ethnicity and county/city.

The following tables are available on the CMS website:

California Data: Data Summaries, County Comparisons, and Trend Summaries by Specific Indicators (Tables: 1-21 C).

(Breastfeeding, TV viewing and smoking in household data are not collected and therefore reports are not available on these indicators).

California County/City Comparisons: Demographics, Specific Indicators, County Rankings (Tables: 4-6 B).

California County/City Specific Data: Detailed County and City Growth and Anemia Indicators (Tables: 16-17 B).

Please re-check the CA PedNSS web page in approximately two months from now for national data and the respective slide presentation.

“Summary of Trends in Growth and Anemia Indicators”, Table 12C can be used to determine statewide prevalence on primary nutrition indicators over several years. County/city trend analysis is not available but county/city jurisdictions can create county/city trends from previous years. 2003 and 2004 PedNSS reports can be accessed from the PedNSS webpage.

### **PedNSS Change**

2005 PedNSS race/ethnic reports now identically match the race/ethnic categories on the CHDP Confidential Screening/Billing Report form (PM 160). Race/ethnic groups are expanded to include separate prevalence data on Pacific Islander and Filipino populations who have significant differences in prevalence rates for body mass index.

### **Performance Measure 6**

Use the PedNSS report, Table 16 B, “County/City Specific Data-Growth Indicators by Race/Ethnicity and Age” for the data source to complete Performance Measure 6, “Prevalence of Children At-Risk for Overweight and Overweight by Age”. This report is separated into two tables: one for children less than five years and one for children five to less than twenty years.

### **Additional Assistance**

For technical PedNSS information regarding data quality, record specifications, report formats and more please go to the CDC PedNSS website: <http://www.cdc.gov/pednss>. There is a specific PedNSS User’s Guide available on this site.

If you have additional questions about PedNSS reports, please contact your county CHDP Nutritionist or CMS Nutrition Consultant, Judy A. Sundquist, M.P.H., R.D., at (916) 322-8785, or by email, at [jsundqui@dhs.ca.gov](mailto:jsundqui@dhs.ca.gov).

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